Institute, etc. The Management of the Institute, which is an autonomous body has had several rounds of meeting with the Nurses Union to find amicable solution.

Admission to P.G. Courses in A.1.1.M.S.

286. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to states:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn into the confusion created in the admission of students to the post-graduate courses in All India Institute of Medical Sciences due to absence of a proper reservation policy and unclear directives given by the Minister in this regard; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the confusion created and how the problem is being solved?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Directions to the Institute are very clear that for admission in postgraduate courses, the principle of merit assessed by the Institute on the basis of an examination with the provision for statutory reservation for SC and ST students is to be maintained. The question of any confusion does not arise.

Ayurvedic Research Centre at Cheruthuruthy in Kerala

287. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pathetic condition of the Central Ayurvedic Research Centre at Cheruthuruthy in Kerala;

(b) if so, what is the amount of funds being allotted to this Centre during the last three years and the actual amount disbursed; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken for the revival of this Centre?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The Indian Institute of Panchakarma at Cheruthuruthy has been functioning well. The expenditure - incurred by this Institute in the last three years are as indicated below:

1990-91	27.82 lacs.
1991-92	37.88 lacs
1992-93	38.80 lacs.

A National Workshop on Panchakarma Therapy is beign currently organised at the Institute.

Export of Ayurvedic Medicines

288. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WLFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of the Ayurvedic products which are exported from our country;

(b) what are the names of the countries to which the major exports of Ayurvedic medicines go;

(c) whether Government have any plan to encourage export of Ayurvedic Medicines; and

(d) what are the major Ayurvedic medicines which are exported?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) The total value of Ayurvedic drugs/products exported from our country is of the order of Rs. 100 crores annually.

(b) Ayurvedic medicines are mainly exported to Japan, Italy, France, Russia, UAE, Malaysia, Singapore, Canada, Holland, Brazil, Srilanka, Australia and U.K.

(c) and (d) The export of Ayurvedic medicines is allowed on a decontrolled